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2. "The Satellites are in ferment, although no visible signs can be perceived from the outside. Disputes of an unprecedented bitterness have broken out between the various cliques, especially between the Party and the trade unions. In Czechoslovakia, the power in various industrial areas has temporarily been seized by the trade unions, which oppose the unlimited exploitation of the workers.
3. "Similar developments are reported from Rumania and Hungary. In Hungary, mining production lags eight per cent behind last year's, the production figures for the machine industry have fallen four per cent compared with last year's. Even the light industries are unable to keep up the same production as during the previous year. The workers are over-worked and undernourished."

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